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SUBJECT: PRESUMPTIVE DEATH OF SANDRA FRONCZAK

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED JUNE 13 LONG AWAITED EVIDENCE FROM COURT PROCEEDING RE DEATH OF SANDRA FRONCZAK. EMBASSY IS NOW PREPARING REPORT OF PRESUMPTIVE DEATH, WHICH IS BASED UPON TRANSLATED EXCERPTS OF TRIAL JUDGE'S FINDINGS IN CASE AGAINST TWO EX-POLICEMEN BEING TRIED FOR MURDER OF GARY SEMMELROTH AND MRS. FRONCZAK. FS-192 (REPORT OF PRESUMPTIVE DEATH) AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL BEFORE BEING SENT TO FAMILY.

2. COURT PROCEEDINGS OF 36 PAGES WERE FORWARDED DIRECTLY FROM GUERRERO ATTORNEY GENERAL BY COMMERCIAL BUS AND THEREFORE NEED MEXICAN FEDERAL AUTHENTICATION. ALTHOUGH COURT TRIAL IS STILL IN PROCESS, JUDGE DOES RECITE AT PAGE 14B THAT EVIDENCE SUPPORTS FINDING OF AGGRAVATED HOMICIDE OF GARY SEMMELROTH AND SANDRA FRONCZAK BY EX-POLICEMEN RODRIGO BENITEZ BARRERA AND ADOLFO GUDINO COPY SUPPLIED TO EMBASSY OMITTS ONE WORD -"Y" "AND" WHICH APPLY THESE SAME CONCLUSIONS OF AGGRAVATED HOMICIDE TO SANDRA FRONCZAK. THIS OMISSION WAS DISCOVERED IN TELEPHONE CALL TO GUERRERO ATTORNEY GENERAL JUNE  
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3. EMBASSY INFORMED FRONCZAK LAWYER BILL WILSON JUNE 14 OF CONTENTS OF DOCUMENTS RECEIVED. HE REPORTED CONVERSATION TO ST. LOUIS NEWS, WHICH SHARED INFORMATION WITH PRESS CORPS HERE. THEY QUERIED JUDGE, WHO RESPONDED THAT PROCEEDING WAS CONTINUING AND THAT SENTENCE COULD

NOT BE EXPECTED FOR TWO TO FOUR MONTHS MORE. EMBASSY CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO COMMENT TO PRESS UPON PENDING LEGAL PROCEEDING, PARTICULARLY SINCE LITTLE HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AUTHORITIES CONCERNED.

4. AS MRS. SEMMELROTH AND MR. FRONCZAK HAVE BEEN ADVISED, SEARCH OF LAGOON HAS BEEN GOING ON IN MAY AND JUNE WHILE WATER LEVEL IS DOWN. PLANS INCLUDE FENCING OFF SECTION OF LARGE (SEVERAL SQUARE MILES) LAGOON WITH SANDBAGS TO FACILITATE SEARCHING AND DRAGGING THAT AREA. "COMPOSITE DRAWINGS OF "BEACH BUMS" HAVE ALSO BEEN CIRCULATED TO POLICE AGENCIES AND INFORMANTS, THOUGH ACAPULCO POLICE CONTINUE TO REFUSE TO POST REWARD POSTERS AS REQUESTED BY FRONCZAK ON GROUNDS THAT THIS IS NOT CUSTOMARY AND WOULD MAKE IT HARDER RATHER THAN EASIER TO APPREHEND THE WANTED MEN. THOMPSON

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